

REMARKS

Consideration and examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action having a mailing date of July 10, 2000, claims 18-24 appear to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,883,418 to Kimura (Kimura) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,937,315 to Xiang et al. (Xiang).

As claims 18-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant respectfully submits this rejection is no longer applicable.

New Claims

New independent claim 25 features a source/drain terminal comprising an implanted region, a first silicide layer, and a second silicide layer. New independent claim 42 features a source/drain terminal comprising a first implanted region, a first silicide layer, a second implanted region, and a second silicide layer.

Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Kimura and Xiang in any manner that would have resulted in the inventions of claims 25 and 42. Applicant respectfully submits Kimura taught only one silicide layer 16a or 16b in each source/drain region. See, e.g., Kimura, Fig. 1. Applicant respectfully submits Xiang similarly taught only one silicide layer 26 in each source/drain region 20. See, e.g., Xiang, Fig. 4. Applicant respectfully submits neither Kimura nor Xiang taught or suggested the forming of two silicide layers in one source/drain region and therefore any obvious

combination of the similar teachings of Kimura and Xiang would have resulted in a device having only one silicide layer in any one source/drain region.

Noting new claims 26-41 and 43-60 depend from claim 25 or 42, Applicant therefore respectfully submits claims 25-60 are patentable over Kimura and Xiang.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 18-24 have been canceled.

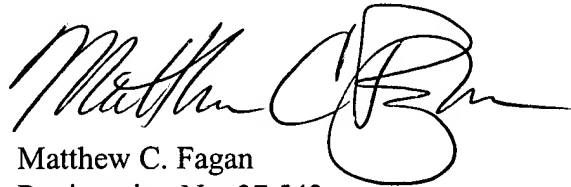
Claims 25-60 have been added.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite the prosecution of the present application.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fees or fee deficiencies under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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